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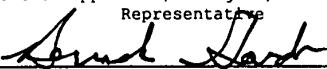
U.S. application of: Takeshi MORIKAWA
 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
 CAPABLE OF IMAGE FORMATION IN A
 PLURALITY OF MODES

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PETITION FOR SECOND MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Examiner's Office Action, dated August 3, 1999, be extended for two months to January 3, 2000.

A Request for Filing Continued Prosecution
Application (CPA) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) is
filed concurrently herewith.

As a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a one-month extension was submitted on November 19, 1999, a check for the difference in the amount of \$270.00 for the two-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) is submitted herewith. In the event that the check is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than an issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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